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TO: Charles C. Neas, William L. Swager and Eugene A. Weinman
FROM: Robert L. Morris
SUBJECT: Management Science Section of MCC Division

Before I left on vacation in December I received a phone call from Dr. Fred Stults. Fred expressed a very strong interest in participating in the activities of the Division being formed out of the Machine Computation Committee. He is primarily interested in picking up activities in which he was once involved on the Management Science area of the National Programming Committee (NPC).

Fred feels very strongly that between the interests of purely theoretical management science systems developers and the classical non-computerized people management problems, there is a definite need for discussion and improvement of practical computerized management systems. While I personally know very little about the generalities of the field I think I understand Fred's concern. Whether a management system deals with project accounting on a chemical engineering research program, with project management for a new plant, or new product system, or with decision making control of an entire company, there are differences between the persons who must reduce the management system to practice and the theoreticians who originally developed the principle.

In the discussions with Council and members of NPC one of the major concerns has been the relationship between the proposed new Division and Area 5C of NPC. From my conversation with Fred I think that his involvement in the formation of a Management Science Section of the new Division could be important in allaying these concerns. Fred's long experience on the NPC with particular personal interest in this area would give him good sensitivity to the needs that could best be satisfied by the Division and those areas of management science programming in which the Division had nothing to offer.

I have asked Fred to join the Division Formation Committee and wanted, in particular, to let you gentlemen know of his involvement.

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